



LOCAL 'MECHANICALS' TOP THE CLASS

Inaugural Annual Dinner Celebrates Local Area Success

The local area of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers has celebrated outstanding local success at their inaugural Annual Dinner, held at the Washington Central Hotel, Workington.

The honoured guest, Sir Michael Moore KBE LVO, presented certificates of achievement to Stephen Taylor (Best HNC Plant Engineering Student) and Michael Dickinson (Best BTEC NC Mechanical Engineering Student), both students of the Lakes College West Cumbria.

However, the work of the committee of the IMechE West Cumbria area was singled out for special praise. Reformed almost five years ago, the group has now organised four full seasons of activity and is regarded as one of the most active and dynamic within the IMechE.

Particular praise was given by Sir Michael for the close work with local schools, which in the last 12 months has seen over 2,500 children attend presentations organised by IMechE West Cumbria on topics such as Starchaser, Renault F1 Engine Design and 21st Century Steam. Many IMechE members have become Science & Engineering Ambassadors, working in specific school projects organised by SetPoint, the government Science, Engineering & Technology organisation.

The Area is now leading a 'Best Practice' process, working with other areas in the North West Region to share their success.

Ron Graham, IMechE West Cumbria Chairman 2003/5, gave a personal review of the highlights of his chairmanship, which included a wonderful recent presentation by Per Linstrand on the most expensive airline seat in history – his attempt to fly round the world in a balloon with Sir Richard Branson.

The contribution of the local companies represented at the Annual Dinner was also acknowledged, as was the help of event administrator, Sue Rousell of Roevin Management Services.

Local engineer and MC for the evening, Howard Nicholson, was on top form as the closing after-dinner speaker, providing many hilarious observations on life in West Cumbria and the event was judged a huge success by all who attended.

A new IMechE West Cumbria committee, headed by Chris George of Capital Aluminium Extrusions, Cleator Moor, is now working out how to do even more for the year ahead. Anyone interested in offering a lecture or a visit should contact Chris as below.

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Sir Michael Moore, IMechE Chief Executive, congratulates Ron Graham (left) IMechE West Cumbria Chairman 2003 – 5, watched by Jo Fox, IMechE Manager, Regional and International Operations



Ron Graham, IMechE West Cumbria Chairman (left) and Sir Michael Moore, IMechE Chief Executive (right) congratulate Lakes College West Cumbria top mechanical engineering students Michael Dickinson & Stephen Taylor



Annual Dinner Administrator, Sue Rousell of Roevin Management Services receives grateful thanks from Ron Graham, IMechE West Cumbria Chairman